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CTS to Implement Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) for Discounted Fares

The Clallam Transit System entered into an agreement with the Puget Sound Regional Council earlier this year to accept and issue Regional Reduced Fare Permits (RRFPs) to disabled and elderly Clallam County residents. This means Clallam County seniors or persons with disabilities can ride for less when they use public transportation services to travel around Puget Sound. The permit is an ID card that entitles eligible persons to pay discounted fares on 13 transportation systems throughout the Puget Sound region, including the Washington State ferry system.

The process to certify Clallam County residents and transit customers will start soon but this will be a phased process and the program will not be totally implemented until January 1, 2014. This means any senior or disabled person who wants to be eligible to pay a reduced cash fare or to buy a reduced fare monthly bus pass for fixed-route and dial-a-ride services will need to have an RRFP ID card when boarding a bus or purchasing a pass.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

- **Effective October 1, 2013**, all CTS disabled and senior passengers will be **required** to have a RRFP to be eligible **to purchase a reduced monthly bus pass** for fixed-route and dial-a-ride services. All pass outlets will require presentation of a RRFP ID card for proof of eligibility for issuance of passes.

- **Effective January 1, 2014**, all CTS disabled and senior passengers will be **required** to have a RRFP to be eligible **to pay a reduced cash fare** when boarding CTS fixed-route and dial-a-ride buses.

The permit certifies that the person using the permit is eligible to pay a reduced cash fare on fixed-route and dial-a-ride service or to purchase a reduced fare monthly bus pass. An RRFP has no affect on the system's paratransit service fares and having an RRFP does not qualify a person for paratransit services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Contact CTS for information on ADA paratransit eligibility and services.

There is a one-time permit cost of $3.00 for the ID card itself and CTS has not yet set a price for a replacement RRFP but the cost will not exceed $3.00.

Currently CTS operators are accepting and honoring RRFPs issued to eligible disabled and elderly customers by any of the other participating agencies through the Puget Sound Regional Council.

In addition to issuing the RRFP ID cards at its headquarters facility at 830 West Lauridsen Boulevard in Port Angeles beginning July 15, 2013, Clallam Transit will be setting up at locations around the county during the summer to issue the required ID cards. Anyone desiring further information is encouraged to call CTS at 452-1315, extension 3, or 1/800-858-3747, extension 3, to talk to a transit representative. Additional information can also be found on the system's website at www.clallamtransit.com.

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